(d) Rotational transfer in respect of officers are being effected periodically. The last rotational transfer in case of DEs was effected in May, 2000. In case of SDEs, the last rotational transfer was done in December, 1998. Transfer in cadre of SDEs could not be done due to non availability of technology trained officers for replacement in the units like transmission and installation. Also due to the process of calling of options for Group A&B officers by MTNL about 60 SDEs have already been transferred and 100 more have applied for transfer out of MTNL, Mumbai. This has reduced the manpower of SDEs in important areas and hence, MTNL could not rotate the SDE within MTNL, Mumbai since 1999.

(c) Action is already in progress for transfer of officers during the current year of 2001.

Sub-letting of P and T Quarters

† 2596. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tenants are living in 80 per cent Government quarters in Delhi/New Delhi allotted by MahanagarTelephone Nigam Limited, General Manager (NTR), Department of Posts and Central Telegraph Offices situated in Delhi;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the Building Section of Chief General Manager (NTR) conducts raids from time to time and vacates the tenants whereas the Building Section of MTNL, Postal and CTO, New Delhi, does not take, similar steps and which results in keeping on the tenants;

(c) whether Government would take action for the eviction of the tenants from the said Government quarters; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when?

THE MINISTER OFSTATEINTHE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) to (d) To investigate complaints about unauthorized subletting of Government quarters by the allottees in P&T Colonies surprise checks were carried out by team of officers from Building Section and Vigilance Department of NTR in October, 1998 and July, 2000. About 4% quarters in the surpirse check during October, 1998 and 30% quarters during surprise check during July, 2000 were found to be unauthorisedly sublet.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Majority of the allottees of NTR Pool who have sublet their quarters have already been evicted. Eviction proceedings in respect of others are in progress. The details are as below:

Name of the Colony	Total Nos. 0".	Date of surprise check	Quarters found to be unauthorisedly sublet	Already evicted	Eviction proceedings in progress
Kabbah	121	Oct, 1998	05	04	01*
Vivck	130	7/7/2000	40	36	04
TOTAL:	251	—	45	40	05

* Case for one quarter at Kali Ban is Sub-Judice.

Postal Department also conducted raids on receipt of complaint and allotment of 20 quarters were cancelled and quarters were got vacated. MTNL has not received any complaint of this type so far.

Increase of teledensity

2597. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have earmarked to increase the teledensity to 10 per cent in next ten years by adding 150 millions new lines i.e. five times of those deployed in the preceding 60 years;

(b) whether Government have chalked out a strategy to provide reliable and effective basic telephone services to 3,50,000 villages that do not have the services today;

(c) if so, what concrete steps have been taken by Government to achieve the targets; and

(d) by when these targets are likely to be achieved?

THE MINISTbR OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS {SHRJ TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) The New Telecom Policy, 1999 envisages to achieve a teledensity of seven by the year 2005 and 15 by the year 2010. To achieve the teledensity of 15 by the year 2010, fixed and mobile phones will be provided by BSNL, MTNL and Private Operators.

(b) to (d) 210054 villages in the country are without telecom facility as on 01.03.2001. BSNL has planned to provide telecom facility in all these remaining